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REMARKS

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1. Between 29 January and 9 February 1952, there was no flying during daylight at Stendal-Borstel airfield. Biplanes were repeatedly observed flying at night. No aircraft were parked on the landing field on 9 February. The hangars were closed. No radio installation was observed. No construction work was under way at the field, and no repair work was done on the fence which extended along the eastern field border. A portion of the fence lay on the ground.

2. Every day from about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. between 11 and 15 February, flying was practiced by single-engine low-wing monoplanes which circled over the field. The planes had their landing gears extended while flying in formations of three.

3. After 11 a.m. on 16 February, the field was observed from its eastern side. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,500 meters. The landing field was covered with snow about 10 cm deep. Fourteen single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines were parked in two rows on the southern edge of the landing field.

Eight aircraft of the same type were parked in front of one open hangar. No aircraft were observed in the hangar. At 11 a.m., three single-engine low-wing monoplanes took off. The planes flew circles in formation and landed after about 15 minutes. After the landing, they taxied to the open hangar and were towed into the hangar by ground personnel. The other aircraft parked on the landing field practiced flying until about 2 p.m. Then the aircraft engine was warmed up, a small carriage was observed near the plane. A heavy hose led from the carriage to the plane. that the aircraft were being refueled. Truck left the southern edge of the field where aircraft were parked. Radio truck with an extended antenna was parked at the take-off point. Air force vehicles observed on the road between Borstel and the town included jeep and trucks \*

\* Comment. The report confirms the presence of ground attack aircraft at Stendal-Borstel airfield. According to previous information, the field is occupied by a ground attack regiment and an air reconnaissance regiment which is also equipped with ground attack planes. The statements on flying activity are very vague. Some statements contradict the observations. Also the statements are not precise enough to indicate which

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of the two units the planes are assigned to. It is doubted that there are ground attack planes which have no [ ] color stripes on their rudder assemblies. So far, it has not been determined whether the aircraft of the two units have [ ] and whether the air reconnaissance regiment is still stationed in Stendal.

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